

VOTUM
PRO
PRINCIPE.

A
POEM
TO
Her MAJESTY.

By G. S.

*Jam nova progenies cœlo demittitur alto;
Pacatumque reget patriis virtutibus orbem.*

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Juno (and if of Goddeſſes there be
 Thoſe who preſide at Births more kind than ſhe)
 Attend the Happy Hour, and ſafely bring
 To our long Hopes, what they have form'd, a King.
 Malicious *Saturn*, hide thy fatal Light,
 And let auſpicious *Venus* rule the Night,
 And caſt the fortune of the Royal Child
 Fair as her ſelf, and as its Parents mild;
 As great and glorious as we wiſh, their Reign,
 And conſtant as the Graces we obtain;
 That the Perfection of the Bleſſing may
 Atone for the Unkindneſs of the ſtay:
 Tho' Blis, too haſty, does it ſelf deſtroy,
 And Expectation doth enhance a Joy.

When Providence deſigns ſome mighty thing,
 (To ſend a Saviour, or to form a King)
 The weighty Project doth require delay,
 And is not (like a Muſhroom) of a day:
 Near twice two thouſand rolling years were ſpent,
 Ere a Meſſiah to the World was ſent;
 And if the * Faithful Patriarch bends with years,
 Before the Fruit of Promis'd Seed appears,

Yet then an Off-ſpring to the Sire was given
 As bright and numerous as the Stars of Heaven;
 Now, when kind Beauty, and ſoft Youth conſpire
 To heighten vigour, and to charm deſire,
 What long and laſting Progeny will prove
 The bleſt effect of ſuch immortal Love?
 Tho' yet unhappy *Albion* (almost grown,
 With *Niobe*, for grief like hers, a Stone)
 With fleeting joy, and laſting tears hath ſeen
 A fruitful Parent, but a childleſs Queen,
 (When ſhort-liv'd Bleſſings did delude the womb,
 Or haſtned from the Cradle to the Tomb)
 Yet this new Birth may for the paſt atone,
 Crowding the lives of Many into One.
 At leaſt could Poets future Truths relate,
 Or might we make our pleaſing Wiſhes, Fate;
 A Prince ſhould ſhow, that a Diffuſive Good,
 And Publick Prayers can never be withſtood:
 And as three Monarchs did Obedience pay
 To the bleſt Babe who in the Manger lay,
 As many Kingdoms now ſhould Incenſe bring,
 An humble Tribute, to their Infant King.

